

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Trinity United Church of Christ in St. Louis, Missouri, which will commemorate the resplendent occasion of its One Hundred Tenth Anniversary during a special celebration to be held November 23, 2003; and

Whereas, Trinity United Church of Christ was founded in the Mt. Pleasant neighborhood with thirty-two adults as “German Evangelical Trinity Church of St. Louis”, and later moved from its original fifty-foot lot at Michigan and Neosho streets to land purchased at Grand Boulevard and Itaska Street where a new church was built and dedicated April 26, 1931; and

Whereas, church membership continued to grow and reached a peak of 1,700 in 1947, at which time a new educational building was constructed that contained two offices for the pastors, a church office, a library, and fifteen meeting rooms and classrooms; and

Whereas, throughout its rich history, Trinity United Church of Christ has grown in membership and services which include Trinity Friends, the Deaconess Foundation Associates, the Caroline Mission Relocation Project, and the United Community in Christ School; and

Whereas, the Emmaus Home residents of Marthasville have been entertained with numerous barbecues and picnics held by Trinity members since 1971, while the St. Louis Association of Retarded Children used classrooms at Trinity for twenty-five years; and

Whereas, the congregation of Trinity United Church of Christ has been blessed with the guidance of the Reverend Yvonne Samuel, the church’s first African American female pastor, whose leadership has brought the church to complete the forty-day spiritual enrichment program “40 Days of Purpose”, establish a confirmation class of seven youngsters, sponsor a “Honor Our Heroes” service honoring twenty police officers and firefighters in the St. Louis area, and participate in a neighborhood prayer walk; and

Whereas, Trinity United Church of Christ is known, admired, and respected throughout the St. Louis community as a divine proclaimer of faith and friend to those in need, and continues a fine tradition of one hundred ten years to meeting the spiritual needs of its members, changing with the times, and looking ahead to a glorious future with God:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Pastor Samuel and to the entire congregation of Trinity United Church of Christ upon this very special anniversary event, and in wishing them much peace and prosperity as they continue to serve the Christian mission; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Trinity United Church of Christ in St. Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Thomas A. Villa
District No. 108

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and

correct copy of House Resolution No. 4709, adopted
November 19, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker